



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Advanced Placement Program

*1. Can we offer AP courses if our course is not authorized by the College Board audit?*

No, all advanced courses with the AP identification must be approved through the College Board audit prior to enrolling students. A school cannot identify AP credit on a student transcript without the College Board audit approval. Information on the process for completing the audit can be found at:

[http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers\\_corner/46361.html](http://apcentral.collegeboard.com/apc/public/courses/teachers_corner/46361.html)

*2. Do schools have to complete the AP audit each year?*

Schools receiving authorization to offer AP courses during the initial AP Course Audit for 2009-10 will not need to submit AP Course Audit forms or syllabi in following years unless the teacher has changed, the school offers a new AP course, or the curricular and resource requirements for a course undergo significant revision. Beginning in March of each year, principals may request renewal of their schools' course authorizations for the following year through their AP Course Audit online accounts.

*3. When will we know if there will be 2010 state funding for AP Mathematics and Science exams for students in grades 11 and 12?*

The following statement, issued on **January 26, 2010**, is from Lance V. Rhodes, Chief Financial Officer for the Indiana Department of Education:

"Exams fees for the 2010 Math and Science Advanced Placement exams taken by 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade Indiana students from accredited public and non-public schools **will be covered in full** by the Indiana Department of Education."

The IDOE will issue **new guidelines** for reporting the number of exams given by each school that are eligible for either federal or state fee reductions. These will include specific dates and directives for schools to help expedite timely payments from the state to the College Board. Watch for the guidelines by **March 1, 2010** on the IDOE website at [http://www.doe.in.gov/opd/advpla/adv\\_pla.htm](http://www.doe.in.gov/opd/advpla/adv_pla.htm), in Superintendent's Mail, and by e-mail to school AP coordinators.

*4. What are the AP Mathematics and Science courses?*

- Biology, Advanced Placement 3020
- Calculus AB, Advanced Placement 2562
- Calculus BC, Advanced Placement 2572
- Chemistry, Advanced Placement 3060
- Environmental Science, Advanced Placement 3012
- Physics B, Advanced Placement 3080
- Physics C, Advanced Placement 3088
- Statistics, Advanced Placement 2570

5. Do we need to offer AP courses within our high school curriculum?

Yes, as stated in the Indiana Code: **IC 20-30-10-4 Curriculum models; course offerings**

Sec.4. Each high school must provide at least two (2) of each of the following course offerings to high school students who qualify to enroll in the courses: (1) Dual credit. (2) Advanced placement.

*As added by P.L.185-2006, SEC.9.*

<http://www.in.gov/legislative/ic/code/title20/ar30/ch10.html>

6. If we make AP courses available through an online provider does this satisfy the requirements?

When there are a limited number of students enrolled in an AP course and/or the school does not have a qualified teacher, schools may offer students the opportunity to enroll in an online AP course with an accredited provider. Courses may only be listed as AP courses on students' transcripts if those providers have qualified through the AP Course Audit to label their courses "AP." To list online AP courses as part of your school's official AP offerings, your school will be able to indicate through the AP Course Audit Web site which authorized online or distance learning courses you are offering to your students. These courses will then be included in your school's profile in the ledger of authorized AP courses made available in November 2009 on the College Board website.

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7. Can schools offer a Calculus course that is not an AP course?

The only Indiana course descriptions that may be used for a Calculus class are:

AP Calculus AB - course #2562

AP Calculus BC – course #2572

Advanced Mathematics, College Credit – course #2544

All students who enroll in a course called Calculus must be reported in one of these three approved courses. Only students enrolled in AP Calculus AB or AP Calculus BC will have the cost of their AP exams in those subjects paid with state funds.

8. Are there online AP professional development opportunities for AP teachers?

Yes, College Board professional development online events and workshops are posted on the following web link: <http://professionals.collegeboard.com/prof-dev/online>

9. Are there AP teacher workshops available in Indiana?

Yes, to view the workshops currently offered and to register, go to the link:

<http://professionals.collegeboard.com/prof-dev/online>

10. How can I receive updates from the Indiana Department of Education AP Program?

The link to sign up to be on the **Indiana Counselor Talk** list-serve:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/sservices/list.htm>

**Please refer to the IDOE AP webpage for additional AP information,  
updates, and steps to accurately complete invoices:**

[http://www.doe.in.gov/opd/advpla/adv\\_pla.htm](http://www.doe.in.gov/opd/advpla/adv_pla.htm)